In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

1-6. (cancelled).

7. (currently amended): Fluorescent diketopyrrolopyrrole represented by formula I or formula III

wherein R_1 and R_2 , independently from each other, stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or Ar_3 , or - CR_3R_4 -(CH_2)_m- Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl,

 Ar_3 stands for phenyl or 1- or 2-naphthyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, halogen or phenyl, which can be substituted with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy one to three times, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

 Ar_1 and Ar_2 , independently from each other, stand for

or
$$R_5$$
 or julodidyl,

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, which can be substituted one to four times with
$$C_1\text{-}C_4$$
alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, or phenyl or , phenanthryl, , anthryl , wherein

 R_5 , R_6 and R_7 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, -NR₈R₉, -OR₁₀, -S(O)_nR₈, -Se(O)_nR₈, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3, wherein R_8 and R_9 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, -CR₃R₄-(CH₂)_m-Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or halogen, or R_8 and R_9 stand for -C(O)R₁₁, wherein R₁₁ can be C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, R_{10} , -OR₁₂ or -NR₁₃R₁₄, wherein

 $R_{12},\,R_{13},$ and R_{14} stand for $C_1\text{-}C_{25}\text{-}alkyl,\,C_5\text{-}C_{12}\text{-}cycloalkyl,\,}C_6\text{-}C_{24}\text{-}aryl,$ or

R₅, R₆ and R₇, independently of one another, stand for a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein the -C₆-C₂₄-aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C₁-C₈alkyl or C₁-C₈alkoxy, or -NR₈R₉ stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R₈ and R₉ together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, -CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-, or

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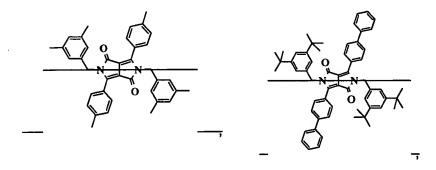
-CH₂-CH₂-NR'₅-CH₂-CH₂-, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3, wherein R'₅ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, -OR₁₀, -S(O)_nR₈, -Se(O)_nR₈, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_6 alkyl or C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, and n stands for 0,1,2,3, and wherein Z stands for a diradical selected from the group consisting of a single bond, C_2 - C_6 alkylene, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or phenyl, phenylene or naphthylene, with the proviso that R₆ and R₇ do not stand simultaneously for hydrogen[[,]] .

wherein in case of the DPP represented by formula III Ar+ and Ar2 can also stand for

, wherein R_6 , R_6 and R_7 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_4 - C_6 alkyl, $-NR_8R_9$, $-OR_{10}$, $-S(O)_nR_8$, $-Se(O)_nR_8$, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_4 - C_8 alkyl or C_4 - C_8 alkoxy wherein n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3 and R_8 , R_9 and R_{10} are defined as above and with the proviso that R_6 and R_7 do not stand simultaneously for hydrogen.

8-12. (cancelled).

13. (currently amended): A compound according to the formulae



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and

14. (withdrawn): A compound according to the formulae selected from the group consisting of

15. (withdrawn): A compound of formula I

$$Ar_2$$
 Ar_1
 Ar_1

wherein R₁ and R₂ are C₁-C₈alkyl, Ar₁ and Ar₂ are a group of formula and R₉ are C₁-C₈alkyl or phenyl.

16. (withdrawn): A compound of formula I

$$Ar_2$$
 Ar_1
 R_1
 R_1
 R_1
 R_2
 R_1
 R_2
 R_1

R₁ and R₂ are C₁-C₈alkyl, or -(CH₂)_m-Ph, Ar₁ and Ar₂ are a group of formula

 R_7 is $-OR_{10}$, $-N(R_8)_2$ or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C1-C8alkyl, C1-C8alkoxy, or halogen and R8 is C1-C8alkyl, phenyl or a heterocyclic radical, both unsubstituted or substituted, or C₅-C₁₂-cycloalkyl.

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17. (withdrawn): A compound of formula I

R₁ and R₂ are -CH₂-Ph, wherein phenyl can be substituted with phenyl, naphthyl or C₁-C₄alkyl up to

two times, Ar_1 and Ar_2 are a group of formula , wherein R_7 is C_1 - C_8 alkyl or phenyl, or a group of formula

, or , wherein
$$R_7$$
 is hydrogen or OMe.

18-21. (cancelled).